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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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DAILY REPORT

26th
Legislative
Day

House Budget & Research Office
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- The House will reconvene for its 27th Legislative Day on Friday, March 11 at 10:00 a.m.
- 12 bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.
- The Rules Committee will meet tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.

Today on the Floor

Motions to Agree

HB 910 Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Bill Summary: House Bill 910, the Amended FY 2022 budget, is based on a revised revenue estimate of \$30.3 billion, an increase of 11.3 percent over the current budget.

The bill and tracking sheet may be found on the House Budget and Research Office website:
<https://www.legis.ga.gov/house/budget-research-office>

Authored By: Rep. David Ralston (7th) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Open
Motions to Agree: (A motion to agree represents final passage of the bill.)

Rules Calendar

HB 830 Courts; limiting sheriffs to one additional salary for serving as the sheriff of multiple courts; repeal provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 830 removes the provision that a sheriff be paid in only one court and allows for a sheriff to be compensated for each court in which he or she serves.

Authored By: Rep. Chris Erwin (28th) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured
House Committee: Public Safety & Homeland Security **Committee Action:** 03-02-2022 Do Pass
Floor Vote: Yeas: Nays:
Floor Action: Recommit to Committee **Amendments:**

HB 849 Domestic relations; add human resources personnel and supervisory personnel in a workplace that employs minors as mandatory reporters for child abuse

Bill Summary: House Bill 849 adds human resources personnel to the list of persons who are required to report child abuse under O.C.G.A. 19-7-5. "Human resources personnel" is defined as applying to businesses with five or more employees and which employs minors.

Authored By: Rep. Michael Smith (41st) **Rule Applied:** Modified-Structured
House Committee: Industry and Labor **Committee Action:** 03-02-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute
Floor Vote: Yeas: 160 Nays: 0 **Amendments:**

HB 884 Professions and businesses; expedited licenses for military spouses; provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 884 requires professional licensing boards under the purview of the Secretary of State to provide expedited licenses by endorsement within 30 days from the application

date, and receipt of all the required materials, to spouses of military service members within Georgia.

Authored By: Rep. D. C. Belton (112th)
House Regulated Industries
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 164 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-01-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1043 Georgia Endowment for Teaching Professionals; create

Bill Summary: House Bill 1043 amends Chapter 12 of Title 50 of the O.C.G.A. to create the Georgia Endowment for Teaching Professionals. HB 1043 allows for public-private partnerships within the Technical College System of Georgia by supporting postsecondary teaching professionals in high-demand courses, subjects, and disciplines. The goal of the endowment is to support education efforts of the Georgia Department of Economic Development and improve public postsecondary education in Georgia. The endowment is a private entity under and in accordance with Georgia law, and shall take all necessary steps to become a Section 501(c)(3) entity under the Internal Revenue Code.

The Georgia Endowment for Teaching Professionals is governed by an 11-member board of trustees and an advisory committee that operates and manages the endowment. No funds are expended until contributions from private donors aggregate to \$50,000 and funding and grants from public sources aggregate to \$50,000. If this minimum is not met by December 31, 2024, the endowment is to be discontinued effective July 1, 2025.

Authored By: Rep. Rick Jasperse (11th)
House Higher Education
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 157 Nays: 4

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-02-2022 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 1279 Controlled substances; certain persons to carry prescription medications in a compartmentalized container; authorize

Bill Summary: House Bill 1279 allows people with a chronic disease or over the age of 65 to carry one or more medications prescribed by a licensed physician. Medications must be held in a compartmentalized medication container has the capacity to hold up to a 21-day supply. Persons must provide the names of medication to law enforcement if requested.

Authored By: Rep. Matthew Gambill (15th)
House Health & Human Services
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 164 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-01-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1280 Revenue and taxation; county tax commissioner duties; revise provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 1280 amends 48-5-359.1, relating to contracts with county tax commissioners to assess and collect municipal taxes and prepare the tax digest, by allowing any municipality to contract for any related county and its county tax commissioner to prepare the tax digest for the municipality; assess and collect municipal taxes, fees, or special assessments in the same manner as county taxes; and to invoke any remedy permitted for the collection of municipal taxes or fees. Any contract must be a three-party contract negotiated between and approved by the municipality, the county, and the county's tax commissioner and may only be applicable to the county tax commissioner's current term of office plus the year immediately following it. The amount to be paid by the municipality must substantially approximate to the cost to the county for providing the services to the municipality. In addition to the county tax commissioner's salary, a county shall pay its tax commissioner any amounts received by the county and due to the commissioner under any contracts, provided the aggregate amount paid to the county tax commissioner for contractual services does not exceed 50 percent of the minimum annual salary of a county tax commissioner.

Authored By: Rep. Marvin Lim (99th)
House Ways & Means
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 161 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Structured
Committee 03-03-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1295 Quality Basic Education Act; group of performance evaluation ratings; remove needs development rating

Bill Summary: House Bill 1295 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-210 and 20-2-212, relating to employment under the 'Quality Basic Education Act.' The bill removes the needs development rating from the group of teacher performance evaluation ratings. The needs development ratings have previously adversely impacted an educator's ability to obtain a renewable certificate from the Georgia Professional Standards Commission and adversely impacted an educator's ability to obtain a year of creditable service on the state's minimum salary schedules.

Authored By: Rep. John Corbett (174th)
House Education
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 159 Nays: 4

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-04-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1351 Community Health, Department of; pharmacy benefits management for Medicaid program; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1351 requires the Department of Community Health to provide the pharmacy benefits for Medicaid members enrolled in a care management organization (CMO), starting on or after July 1, 2024. The department is to reduce a CMO's contract term payment by 7.5 percent of the CMO's net underwriting gain for the July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023, contract year in order to offset costs incurred in program implementation.

Authored By: Rep. David Knight (130th)
House Special Committee on Access to
Committee: Quality Health Care
Floor Vote: Yeas: 162 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-23-2022 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 1357 Professional Standards Commission; standards and procedures for certification programs; provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 1357 revises O.C.G.A. 20-2-984, which relates to the Professional Standards Commission's authority to create and implement standards and procedures for certifying educational personnel, recommending standards and procedures for certification, continuation of teaching certificates, and restrictions. The bill provides that the commission's standards and procedures for alternative routes to professional teacher certification shall be neutral with respect to whether such programs are provided by for-profit or not-for-profit entities and shall consider certification teacher programs outside of the state that meet accreditation and certification requirements.

Authored By: Rep. Tyler Smith (18th)
House Education
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 161 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-04-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1371 Rural Health Advancement Commission; create

Bill Summary: House Bill 1371 creates the Rural Health Advancement Commission in order to collaborate with educational institutions and healthcare facilities to develop private-sector solutions to short-term and long-term care workforce shortages, with an emphasis on rural areas. The commission has 13 members and is chaired by the dean of a Georgia medical college, as appointed by the speaker. The bill requires the commission to meet at least every two months and to report annually to the governor, lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the House of Representatives.

Authored By: Rep. Rick Jasperse (11th)
House Special Committee on Access to
Committee: Quality Health Care
Floor Vote: Yeas: 156 Nays: 4

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-03-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute
Amendments:

HB 1372 Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act; revise provisions and short title

Bill Summary: House Bill 1372 revises the 'Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act' in order to enhance the processes for locate requests of underground utility facilities or infrastructure and to require 9-1-1 to be contacted if an excavator damages a gas or hazardous liquid pipeline.

The bill states that all owners or operators that maintain underground facilities must participate as members of the Utilities Protection Center (UPC). An "underground facility" is defined as an underground fiber, conductor, pipe, or structure used to provide traffic control; traffic management; electric service; communications service; or carry gas, oil, sewage, wastewater, storm drainage, or other water or liquids. The bill states that all underground facilities, excluding sewer cleanouts and water meter boxes, must be located within the public right-of-way and in accordance to the specifications in the bill. Sewer cleanouts and water meter boxes that establish the exact location of an underground facility must be located within ten feet of the public right-of-way to be considered a permanent marker of the related underground facility.

No person shall blast or excavate with mechanized excavating equipment until the person has submitted a locate request for underground facilities to the UPC. The locate request must include a specific "effective date" or date for which the requested blasting or excavating is expected to start, and the duration of time in which the blasting or excavating is expected to take place. The locate request must also include "appropriate notice", which is associated with the expected effective date for the blasting or excavating to begin. The appropriate notice may not be less than two business days or more than eight business days.

Starting July 1, 2023, the Department of Transportation (DOT) shall participate in and cooperate with the UPC for purposes of receiving locate requests in DOT's right-of-way. DOT shall not participate in the funding of the UPC or its activities.

HB 1372 is effective on September 1, 2022.

Authored By: Rep. Vance Smith (133rd)
House Energy, Utilities &
Committee: Telecommunications
Floor Vote: Yeas: 160 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-01-2022 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 1381 Local government; water and sewer authority board members to complete yearly continuing training courses; require

Bill Summary: House Bill 1381 requires members of local water or sewer authorities to complete training courses on water, sewer, or environmental quality programs. The required training will serve as a prerequisite for the authority to receive specified funding.

Authored By: Rep. Ron Stephens (164th)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 155 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-02-2022 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 1383 Fair Employment Practices Act of 1978; hearing before an administrative law judge; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1383 concerns the Commission on Equal Opportunity and provides a framework for administrative hearings with the commission. The position of "hearing officer" is created and defined as an administrative law judge of the Office of State Administrative Hearings, or if that office is a respondent, a special master selected by the governor. The hearing officer will be the recipient of complaints rather than a special master. Additionally, processes are added to the bill. If the administrator is unable to complete the investigation within 90 days of filing, the administrator shall notify the parties of the reasons for failing to complete the investigation. The administrator shall also issue status reports every 60 days following that initial 90-day period.

Authored By: Rep. Michael Wilensky (79th)
House Judiciary
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 156 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-28-2022 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 1385 Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office; revise annexation reporting requirements

Bill Summary: House Bill 1385 requires municipalities to notify the Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Office of the General Assembly when annexing property, enlarging municipal corporation limits, and annexing unincorporated islands.

Authored By: Rep. Victor Anderson (10th)

House Governmental Affairs

Committee:

Floor Vote: Yeas: 158 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured

Committee 03-02-2022 Do Pass by Committee

Action: Substitute

Amendments:

HB 1396 Georgia Municipal Court Clerks' Council; create

Bill Summary: House Bill 1396 creates the Georgia Municipal Court Clerks' Council as an institution designed to improve municipal courts, assist municipal court staff, and assist in training municipal court staff. The council is a state agency and is composed of the municipal court staff of all municipal courts in the state. The council is authorized to elect officers and an executive committee.

Authored By: Rep. Bill Yearta (152nd)

House Judiciary

Committee:

Floor Vote: Yeas: 162 Nays: 2

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured

Committee 02-28-2022 Do Pass

Action:

Amendments:

HB 1406 Zoning; changes to ordinances that revise single-family residential classifications; provide additional notice and hearing provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 1406 provides guidelines and requirements for zoning decision hearings for zoning decisions related to revising zoning classifications from single-family residential uses to multifamily residential uses.

Authored By: Rep. Chuck Martin (49th)

House Governmental Affairs

Committee:

Floor Vote: Yeas: 110 Nays: 51

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured

Committee 03-02-2022 Do Pass by Committee

Action: Substitute

Amendments:

HB 1437 Income tax; revise rates of taxation on income

Bill Summary: House Bill 1437, the 'Tax Reduction and Reform Act of 2022,' amends Chapter 7 of Title 48 of the O.C.G.A., relating to income taxes, by eliminating the personal income tax brackets and replacing them with a tax rate of five and one quarter percent. HB 1437 eliminates the standard deductions of \$5,400 for single and head of household taxpayers and \$7,100 for married taxpayers filing a joint return, as well as the additional deductions of \$1,300 for taxpayers over the age of 65 or blind. The bill increases the personal exemptions from \$2,700 to \$12,000 for single and head of household taxpayers and from \$7,400 to \$24,000 for married taxpayers filing a joint return. The bill allows taxpayers to elect to apply the sum of the taxpayer's charitable donations used in computing the taxpayer's federal taxable income in lieu of the personal exemption.

Authored By: Rep. Shaw Blackmon (146th)

House Ways & Means

Committee:

Floor Vote: Yeas: 115 Nays: 52

Rule Applied: Structured

Committee 03-07-2022 Do Pass by Committee

Action: Substitute

Amendments:

HB 1455 Georgia Ports Authority; provide for powers of authority

Bill Summary: House Bill 1455 expands the arrest authority for the officers of the Georgia Ports Authority (Ports) in certain circumstances. Ports officers are given the ability to investigate motor vehicle accidents that occurred on any property under jurisdiction of the authority and on public or private property within one mile thereof. The same one-mile radius is given to the arrest authority of an officer who is arresting for state law violations.

Authored By: Rep. Bill Hitchens (161st)

House Public Safety & Homeland Security

Committee:

Floor Vote: Yeas: 159 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured

Committee 03-02-2022 Do Pass

Action:

Amendments:

HR 920 Invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation; condemn

Bill Summary: House Resolution 920 condemns the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian Federation. The State of Georgia expresses its desire to cease hostilities, including divesting investments in Russia-associated equities and other assets. The resolution calls on Russia to end its unprovoked aggression and both the President and the Congress of the United States to continue to take prudent actions to bring about a peaceful and timely end to this conflict.

Authored By: Rep. David Ralston (7th)
House Committee: Rules
Floor Vote: Yeas: 166 Nays: 0
Floor Action: Adopted (Resolution)

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 03-08-2022 Do Pass
Amendments:

Local Calendar**SB 559 City of Thomson; description of the election districts for the members of the city council; change**

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 559 changes the description of the election districts for the members of the Thomson City Council.

Authored By: Sen. Max Burns (23rd)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Floor Vote: Yeas: 148 Nays: 6

Rule Applied:
Committee Action: 03-08-2022 Do Pass
Amendments:

SB 570 Sumter County Board of Education and School Superintendent; provide for seven education districts; the description of the education districts; change

Bill Summary: Senate Bill 570 provides for seven education districts for the Sumter County Board of Education.

Authored By: Sen. Freddie Sims (12th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
Floor Vote: Yeas: 148 Nays: 6

Rule Applied:
Committee Action: 03-08-2022 Do Pass
Amendments:

Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 27th Legislative Day, Friday, March 11, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker. The Rules Committee will next meet on Thursday, March 10, at 11:00 a.m., to set the Rules Calendar for the 28th Legislative Day.

HB 689 Georgia Crime Information Center; persons who are victims of an offense of trafficking may petition the clerk of court to have sealed certain criminal history record information; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 689 allows for a person who was trafficked, and committed a crime as a result of that trafficking, to petition the court where the offenses occurred to seal the records of those offenses. This also allows law enforcement agencies to review sealed records for law enforcement or criminal investigative purposes.

Authored By: Rep. Houston Gaines (117th)
House Judiciary Non-Civil
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-07-2022 Do Pass
Action:

HB 725 Council on American Indian Concerns; revise membership

Bill Summary: House Bill 725 revises the membership of the Council on American Indian Concerns to have at least one member representing each of the American Indian tribes identified in Georgia.

Authored By: Rep. Marvin Lim (99th)
House State Planning & Community Affairs
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-09-2022 Do Pass
Action:

HB 839 Mableton, City of; incorporate

Bill Summary: House Bill 839 authorizes a local referendum for the creation of the city of Mableton. The referendum will be voted on by call of the Cobb County election superintendent in a special election no later than November 2022.

The government for the city is composed of a city council consisting of a mayor and six council members each serving four-year terms. The city council members are elected through a non-partisan municipal general election held biennially in odd years.

The city council is authorized to appoint a city manager to act as the chief executive and administrative officer of the city. The charter creates the Municipal Court of the City of Mableton to be presided over by a chief judge. The charter provides enabling legislation for the creation of one or more community improvement districts within the city.

Authored By: Rep. Erica Thomas (39th)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-16-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

HB 895 Criminal procedure; restrictions of the disclosure of personal information of nonsworn employees; provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 895 restricts the disclosure of the home address, date of birth, and home telephone number of a non-sworn employee of a law enforcement agency in criminal cases in which the prosecuting attorney is required to disclose the witnesses who will testify at trial. The prosecuting attorney will instead disclose the employee's current work location and work phone number. The list of witnesses whose testimony led to a criminal charge, which must be presented to a defense attorney prior to arraignment of a defendant, will also disclose the current work location and work phone number of both law enforcement officers and non-sworn employees of law enforcement agencies rather than their home address, date of birth, and home telephone number. Further, non-sworn employees of law enforcement agencies cannot be compelled to reveal their home address when testifying in their official capacity, although courts can require an employee to answer questions

regarding their home address if the fact is a material issue in the proceeding.

Authored By: Rep. Clint Crowe (110th)
House Committee: Judiciary Non-Civil

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 02-23-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 934 Sales and use tax; special district mass transportation; local government; provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 934 amends 48-8-262, relating to Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (TSPLOST), by allowing, in the case where an intergovernmental agreement has been entered into, the tax to continue until the approved timeframe has expired regardless as to whether the amount of tax collected has surpassed the originally estimated amount.

Authored By: Rep. Rob Leverett (33rd)
House Committee: Ways & Means

Rule Applied: Structured
Committee Action: 03-07-2022 Do Pass

HB 1232 Motor vehicles; temporary license plates and operating permits; revise terminology

Bill Summary: House Bill 1232 provides for the issuance of temporary operating permits in lieu of temporary license plates in specified instances.

Authored By: Rep. Matt Barton (5th)
House Committee: Motor Vehicles

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 02-15-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 1343 Military; requirement of adjutant general to publish personal information of commissioned officers of the organized militia; eliminate

Bill Summary: House Bill 1343 removes the requirement to include a roster of all commissioned officers in the governor's annual report.

Authored By: Rep. Heath Clark (147th)
House Committee: Defense & Veterans Affairs

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 03-02-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 1391 Criminal procedure; compensation for public defenders and assistant public defenders; revise

Bill Summary: House Bill 1391 sets the salary of the circuit public defenders to the same salary as district attorneys. The maximum salary for an assistant public defender IV is raised to 95 percent of the circuit public defender salary.

Authored By: Rep. Stan Gunter (8th)
House Committee: Judiciary Non-Civil

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 03-07-2022 Do Pass

HB 1409 Labor and industrial relations; workers' compensation benefits; change certain provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 1409 increases the maximum amount of benefits that an employee can receive under workers' compensation for temporary total disability to \$725 per week, and the maximum amount of benefits for temporary partial disability to \$483 per week. The maximum total compensation for the surviving spouse of an employee who died from injury is increased to \$290,000.

Authored By: Rep. William Werkheiser (157th)
House Committee: Industry and Labor

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 03-02-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 1433 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; revise and update composition of advisory board

Bill Summary: House Bill 1433 changes the composition of the advisory board to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council to include the following: representatives of programs that advocate alternatives to incarceration; persons licensed or certified by the state with competence in preventing

and addressing mental health and substance abuse issues in delinquent youth and at-risk youth; and representatives of victim or witness advocacy groups, including at least one individual with expertise in addressing the challenges of sexual abuse and exploitation and trauma.

Authored By: Rep. Mandi Ballinger (23rd)
House Judiciary Non-Civil
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-07-2022 Do Pass
Action:

HB 1438 Transportation, Department of; meetings for election of board members; amend notice provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 1438 allows for the call of a caucus for a Department of Transportation board election to be sent via email rather than by mail. The bill also clarifies language relating to contracting for public-private partnerships and alternative contracting methods. HB 1438 adds the Department of Transportation to the Code section relating to when public disclosure is not required by a state agency and adds the data of vehicle information, or personally identifiable information, to those records that are not required to be disclosed.

Authored By: Rep. Brad Thomas (21st)
House Transportation
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-03-2022 Do Pass
Action:

HB 1452 Domestic relations; dating violence protective orders; revise a definition

Bill Summary: House Bill 1452 changes dating relationship protective orders so that the definition of "dating violence" includes those who were in a relationship within the last 12 months rather than the current six-month timeframe.

Authored By: Rep. Houston Gaines (117th)
House Judiciary Non-Civil
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 03-07-2022 Do Pass
Action:

Committee Actions

Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office and are placed on the General Calendar.

Agriculture & Consumer Affairs Committee

HB 1376 Food, drugs, and cosmetics; food service establishments to serve patrons' pet dogs within designated outdoor areas; authorize

Bill Summary: House Bill 1376 allows food service establishments to provide food for dogs in an outdoor dining area without being in violation of rules of the Department of Public Health, provided the establishment has a separate menu of food for dogs. The Department of Public Health shall establish rules and regulations regarding the safe practice of serving food to dogs.

Authored By:	Rep. Beth Moore (95th)	Committee	03-09-2022 Do Pass
House	Agriculture & Consumer Affairs	Action:	
Committee:			

Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight Committee

HR 842 General Assembly; establish standard salary for Senators and Representatives equal to 60 percent of median household income - CA

Bill Summary: House Resolution 842 amends the Constitution relating to salaries of General Assembly members. Starting July 1, 2023, the resolution states that each sitting state senator and representative will receive an annual salary equal to two-thirds of the median household income in Georgia, as determined biannually by the commissioner of the Georgia Department of Labor. The resolution provides ballot language for the amendment.

Authored By:	Rep. Wesley Cantrell (22nd)	Committee	03-09-2022 Do Pass by Committee
House	Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight	Action:	Substitute
Committee:			

HR 894 General Assembly; appropriate all unanticipated federal funding allocated for a fiscal year if the sum exceeds \$100 million; provide - CA

Bill Summary: House Resolution 864 amends the Constitution to entitle the General Assembly to specifically appropriate unanticipated federal funds that exceed \$100 million in a fiscal year.

Authored By:	Rep. Beth Camp (131st)	Committee	03-09-2022 Do Pass
House	Budget and Fiscal Affairs Oversight	Action:	
Committee:			

Code Revision Committee

HB 1428 Code Revision Commission; revise, modernize, correct errors or omissions

Bill Summary: House Bill 1428 is the annual Code revision clean-up bill to revise, modernize, and correct errors or omissions to the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. The bill reflects the work of the Code Revision Commission to repeal portions of the Code that are obsolete, declared unconstitutional, or preempted or superseded by subsequent laws. Lastly, the bill provides for other matters relating to revision, reenactment, and publication of the Code.

Authored By:	Rep. Chuck Efstoration (104th)	Committee	03-09-2022 Do Pass
House	Code Revision	Action:	
Committee:			

Energy, Utilities & Telecommunications Committee

HB 1494 Public utilities and transportation; certain disclosures prior to sale or lease of distributed energy generation systems; require

Bill Summary: House Bill 1494 requires a disclosure form to be given to the buyer or lessee of a distributed energy generation system. A "distributed energy generation system" is defined as a system that generates or stores electricity, has the capacity to deliver more than one kilowatt of electricity, and is primarily used for on-site consumption. Prior to January 1, 2023, the Public Service Commission (PSC) will publish on its website separate standard written disclosure statement forms of no more than five pages in length that may be used to comply with the disclosure requirements of the bill. The PSC will also develop and publish on its website a solar awareness presentation. A person who willfully and intentionally fails to provide a written disclosure statement shall be liable for a civil penalty for each violation. The penalty cannot exceed the purchase or financing price of the distributed energy generation system provided for in the agreement between the buyer or lessee and the seller. The penalty may be imposed by the PSC only after notice and a hearing.

Authorized By: Rep. Joseph Gullett (19th)
House Energy, Utilities &
Committee: Telecommunications

Committee 03-09-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

Governmental Affairs Committee

HB 923 Local government; development authorities; cap the per diem allowance available to directors

Bill Summary: House Bill 923 sets a specified limit on the per diem allowance paid to development authority directors. The bill authorizes, in addition to the governor, the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission and local ethics boards or offices to have concurrent jurisdiction over ethics violations of development authority members. The bill establishes and clarifies the procedures for ethics violation hearings of development authority members.

Authorized By: Rep. Mary Margaret Oliver (82nd)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:

Committee 03-09-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

HB 1461 Local government; annexation of territory; revise provisions relating to dispute resolution

Bill Summary: House Bill 1461 requires a municipal corporation to provide notice of a petition of annexation to any impacted school system. The bill provides proposed annexation objection and arbitration guidelines and procedures for impacted school systems and county governing authorities.

Authorized By: Rep. Victor Anderson (10th)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:

Committee 03-09-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

Higher Education Committee

HB 1435 Education; needs based financial aid program; include eligibility for students with a financial aid gap

Bill Summary: House Bill 1435 amends the O.C.G.A. 20-3-360 to include eligibility for needs-based financial aid programs for students, part-time and full-time undergraduates, with a financial aid gap. A "financial aid gap" is defined in the bill as the monetary amount remaining after other funding for the cost of attendance certified by a qualified institution. Qualified institutions include all University System of Georgia schools, Technical College System of Georgia schools, and non-proprietary institutions eligible for Tuition Equalization Grants. The bill clarifies the maximum award amount to be \$2,500 in total per each eligible student.

Authorized By: Rep. Chuck Martin (49th)
House Higher Education
Committee:

Committee 03-09-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

Insurance Committee

HB 733 Insurance; guaranteed asset protection waiver; revise definition

Bill Summary: House Bill 733 allows guaranteed asset protection waivers to provide a benefit that waives an amount or provides a borrower with a credit towards the purchase of a replacement vehicle with or without a separate charge.

Authored By: Rep. Tyler Smith (18th)
House Committee: Insurance

Committee Action: 03-09-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 1297 Insurance; discount for property owners who build a new property that better resists tornado and catastrophic windstorm events; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1297 provides an insurance premium discount or reduction for a home or commercial property that is built to fortified standards to better resist catastrophic wind events.

Authored By: Rep. Matthew Gambill (15th)
House Committee: Insurance

Committee Action: 03-09-2022 Do Pass by Committee Substitute

HB 1345 Military; state sponsored life insurance plan election for Georgia National Guard personnel through National Guard Association; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1345 provides state-sponsored life insurance for all Georgia National Guard members.

Authored By: Rep. Heath Clark (147th)
House Committee: Insurance

Committee Action: 03-09-2022 Do Pass

Intragovernmental Coordination - Local Committee

HB 1418 Columbus, City of; tax for public health care purposes; authorize

Bill Summary: House Bill 1418 authorizes a tax for public health care purposes for the Columbus-Muscogee County government.

Authored By: Rep. Calvin Smyre (135th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Committee Action: 03-09-2022 Do Pass

HB 1488 Pelham, City of; Board of Education; composition; revise provisions

Bill Summary: House Bill 1488 revises provisions relating to the composition and elections of the Pelham Board of Education.

Authored By: Rep. Joe Campbell (171st)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Committee Action: 03-09-2022 Do Pass

HB 1495 Seminole County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

Bill Summary: House Bill 1495 changes the description of the Seminole County Board of Commissioners' districts.

Authored By: Rep. Winfred Dukes (154th)
House Committee: Intragovernmental Coordination - Local

Committee Action: 03-09-2022 Do Pass

HB 1509 Chatham County; Board of Commissioners; change description of districts

Bill Summary: House Bill 1509 changes the description of the Chatham County Board of Commissioners' districts.

Authorized By:	Rep. Carl Gilliard (162nd)		
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	03-09-2022 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	

HB 1510 Savannah, City of; Chatham County; Board of Education; change description of districts

Bill Summary: House Bill 1510 changes the description of the education districts of Chatham County.

Authorized By:	Rep. Carl Gilliard (162nd)		
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	03-09-2022 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	

HB 1529 Atlantic Judicial Court; minimum supplement each county shall provide to the judges of the superior court; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1529 provides the minimum supplement for the superior court judges in the Atlantic Judicial Circuit. Bryan County shall pay at least \$900 per month; Evans County shall pay at least \$300 per month; Liberty County shall pay at least \$1,500 per month; Long County shall pay at least \$350 per month; McIntosh County shall pay at least \$400 per month; and Tattnall County shall pay at least \$600 per month.

Authorized By:	Rep. Al Williams (168th)		
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	03-09-2022 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	

Judiciary Committee

HB 1321 Commerce; litigation bar on governmental entities regarding certain statewide opioid litigation; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1321 concerns statewide opioid settlements and the state accessing the full amount of any settlement. It provides that entry into a statewide opioid settlement agreement bars past, present, or future claims on behalf of any governmental entity seeking to recover against an entity released under the relevant settlement agreement. The bar does not apply to bellwether claims of any entity, provided the claim is not brought in or selected by the court in relationship to the National Prescription Opiate Litigation, Case No.: MDL 2804 as a bellwether claim.

The Georgia Opioid Crisis Abatement Trust is created within the state treasury, with the commissioner of the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities serving as the trustee. The Office of the State Treasurer shall deposit into the trust money received as a result of any opioid settlement or money received from public or private sources that has been designated for the trust. The General Assembly shall annually appropriate money from the trust fund to state agencies and departments for purposes related to combating the opioid crisis.

The Opioid Recovery and Remediation Fund Advisory Council (ORRFA Council) is created in line with the settlement agreement. The council's membership is detailed, with the council's purpose to make recommendations for the disbursement of funds from the trust. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities shall annually report to the governor and General Assembly the details of disbursements.

Authorized By:	Rep. James Burchett (176th)		
House	Judiciary	Committee	03-09-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Committee:		Action:	Substitute

HB 1388 Civil practice; alternative procedure for designation of official legal organ; provide

Bill Summary: House Bill 1388 amends Code Section 9-13-142 concerning official legal organs, which are publications containing official legal notices. If no otherwise-qualified publication has a paid circulation of at least 100 copies per issue in the county, the bill permits the probate court judge, sheriff, superior court clerk, or a majority of those officers to designate a newspaper as an interim legal organ. That designation will terminate once another newspaper meets the qualifications and is designated as the county's legal organ pursuant to the Code section.

Authored By: Rep. James Burchett (176th)
House Judiciary
Committee:

Committee
Action: 03-09-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Substitute

**Special Committee on Access to Quality Health Care
Committee****HB 1533 Professions and businesses; professional programs that address career fatigue and wellness in healthcare professionals are not obligated to report to licensing boards except in certain circumstances; provide**

Bill Summary: House Bill 1533 provides that no person or entity is required to report information to a licensing board regarding a healthcare professional who is participating in a professional program that addresses issues related to career fatigue and wellness in healthcare professionals unless the person or entity determines that there is reasonable probability that the professional is not competent to practice or a danger to themselves, patients, or the public. The bill provides for immunity from civil liability for members of any committee, board, group, or commission that reviews, evaluates, or makes recommendations on these professional programs. HB 1533 provides that proceedings and related documents of a professional program are not subject to discovery or introduction into evidence in any civil action, with exceptions.

Authored By: Rep. Mark Newton (123rd)
House Special Committee on Access to
Committee: Quality Health Care

Committee
Action: 03-09-2022 Do Pass by Committee
Substitute

Committee Meeting Schedule

*This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change.
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Thursday - March 10, 2022

7:00 AM	APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE	341 CAP	VIDEO	Agenda
8:00 AM	NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE	606 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
8:30 AM	Natural Resources and Environment Resource Management Subcommittee (upon adjournment of the NR&E Full Committee meeting)	606 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
9:00 AM	Motor Vehicles Tags & Titles Subcommittee	506 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
9:30 AM	MOTOR VEHICLES COMMITTEE	506 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
10:00 AM	Special Committee on Election Integrity	606 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
10:00 AM	AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE	406 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
11:00 AM	RULES COMMITTEE (Upon Adjournment of the House Appropriations Committee)	341 CAP	VIDEO	Agenda
11:00 AM	CREATIVE ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE	406 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
12:00 PM	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE	506 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
12:00 PM	HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE	606 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
1:00 PM	EDUCATION COMMITTEE	606 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
1:00 PM	PUBLIC SAFETY & HOMELAND SECURITY COMMITTEE	406 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
2:00 PM	HUMAN RELATIONS & AGING COMMITTEE	415 CLOB	VIDEO	Agenda
2:00 PM	Transportation Resolutions Subcommittee	506 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
2:00 PM	GAME, FISH, & PARKS COMMITTEE	406 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
2:30 PM	TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE	506 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
3:00 PM	Special Committee on Access to Quality Healthcare	406 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda
3:00 PM	WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE	606 CLOB HYBRID	VIDEO	Agenda